

Technical Assistance Workshops on Concept Submittal

February 4 | San Diego

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What we will cover today

- Program Overview
- Program Thresholds
- Required Components of Concept Proposal
- Demonstration of the Online Concept Proposal Submittal System (FAAST)
- Timeline

Purpose of the AHSC Program

To fund projects that result in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and increase accessibility of housing, employment centers and key destinations through low-carbon transportation options such as walking, biking and transit.

Concept & Full Application Process

Concept Proposal Stage

Approved Concepts Invited for Full Application

Full Application Submittal

Funding Recommendations to SGC

Eligible Projects Types

- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Projects
- Integrated Connectivity Projects (ICP)

High-Quality Transit

Peak Period headway frequency of 15 minutes or less and service seven days a week **AND** meet one of the following:

- Operate on a railway or dedicated right-of-way
 - OR -
- Contain at least two of the following characteristics:
 - ✓ Middle-of-road alignment bus-only lanes
 - ✓ Off-board fare collection
 - ✓ Intersection treatments that prohibit mixed-traffic from making turns across dedicated right-of-way
 - ✓ Use of more limited-stop service including express service and skip-stopping
 - ✓ Use Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology
 - ✓ Platform level boarding

Transit-Oriented Developments

- Located within a ½ mile of Qualifying High Quality Transit

Required

**Affordable Housing
or Housing-Related
Infrastructure**

+

Required

**Transportation-
Related
Infrastructure**

Optional

**Additional
Capital or
Program Uses**

TOD Project Examples

**Affordable
Housing
Development**

OR

**Housing-
Related
Infrastructure**

+

**At least one Transportation Capital Project,
such as...**

**Station area improvements, including bus
stop benches or shelters**

OR

**Sidewalks and dedicated bicycle paths
providing connectivity between housing
and a transit station**

OR

Transit signal priority technology systems

Integrated Connectivity Projects

- Must have Qualifying Transit
- May include affordable housing, but not required



ICP Project Examples

Capital Use

+

Capital or Program Use

**Bicycle/pedestrian
connections from
employment center to
transit**

+

**Improvements to a transit
station**

**Affordable Housing
Development**

+

**Complete Streets
improvements to increase
walking and biking to a
transit stop**

Vanpool Fleet

+

Transit Ridership Program

Eligible Costs

Eligible Capital Projects

- Affordable Housing Development
- Housing-Related Infrastructure
- Transportation-Related Infrastructure

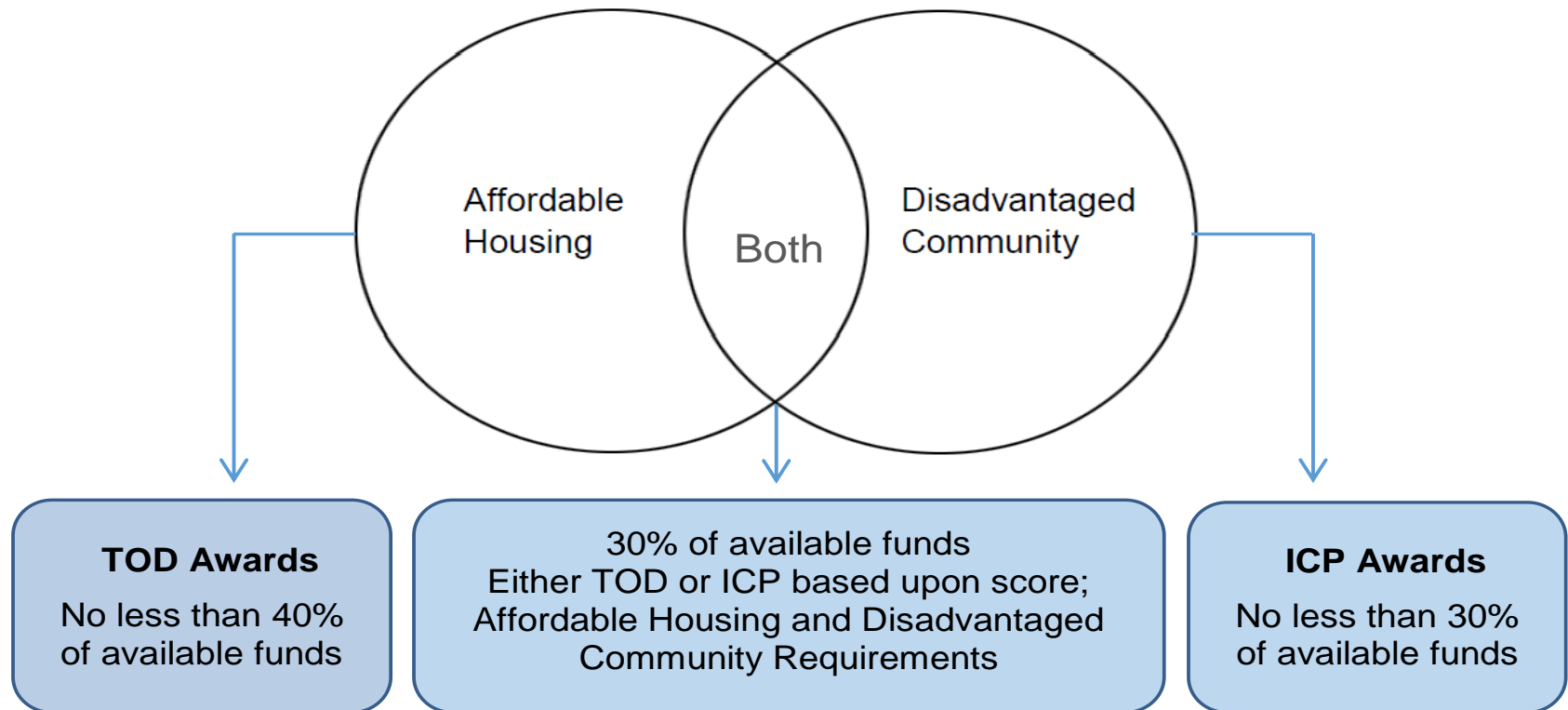
Eligible Planning & Program Costs*

- Pre-Development Costs Related to Project Implementation
- Active Transportation Programs
- Transit Ridership Programs
- Criteria Air Pollutant Reduction Programs

** Eligible planning and program costs must be combined with at least one identified Capital Project.*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

AHSC Program Set-Aside Minimums*



Multiple set-aside objectives can be met in some of the same applications. Ex: **TOD project with required **Affordable Housing Development** in a **Disadvantaged Community**.*

Statutory Thresholds

- GHG Reduction
- Supports implementation of a Sustainable Community Strategy*
- Consistent with State Planning Priorities
- Project Readiness

**SB 862: “If a Sustainable Communities Strategy is not required for a region by law, a regional plan that includes policies and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions” will meet this requirement.*

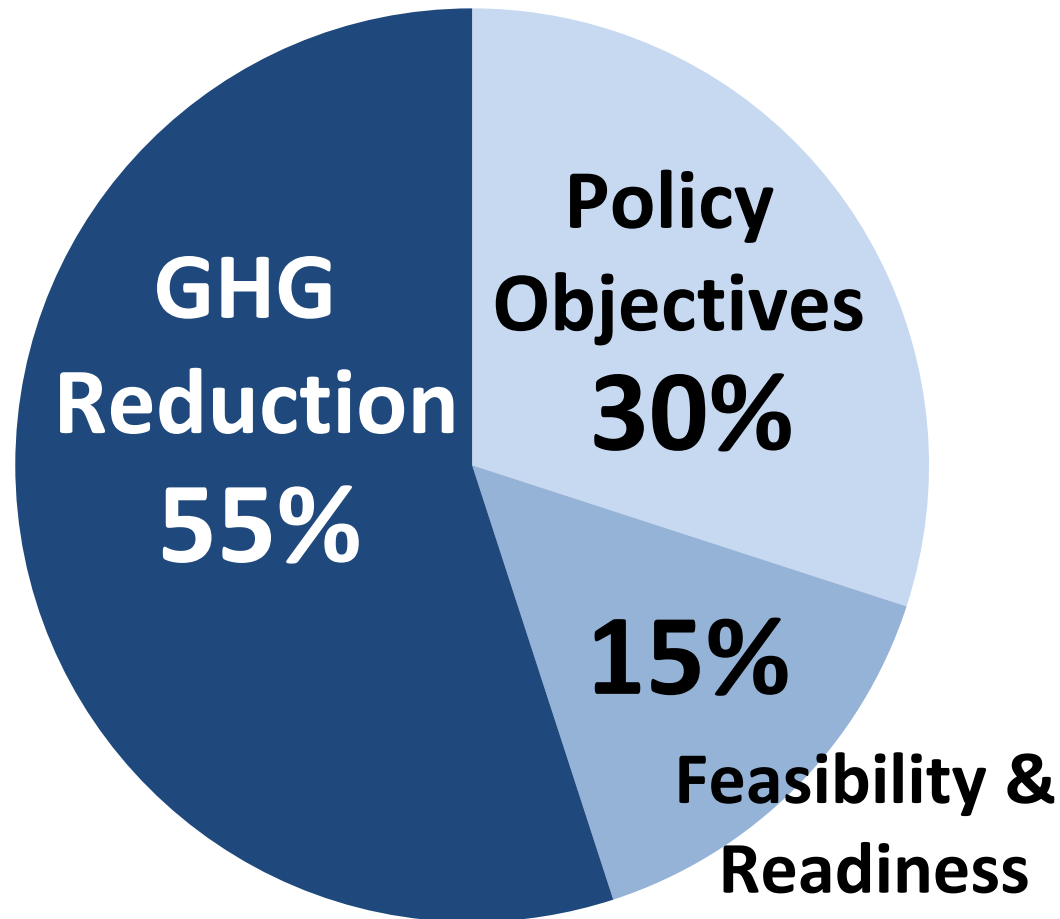
Key Thresholds

(Must be secured or addressed by the full application deadline of April 15)

- Environmental clearances
- Entitlements
- No outstanding legal challenges to Project
- Construction has not started
- Climate Adaptation
- No conversion of working or natural resource lands

Refer to the AHSC Program Thresholds handout and AHSC Program guidelines Section 106 for a complete listing of all program thresholds.

Application Scoring Criteria



GHG Reduction (55%)

- **Project score based on estimated GHG emission reductions per GGRF dollar**
- **GHG Quantification Methodology**
 - California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod), e.g. for affordable housing
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ Method), e.g. for transit lines, bike paths, vanpool
 - Free, accessible, research-based, and widely used
 - Ensures a consistent, statewide approach for scoring
 - Allows for future improvements/updates
- **ARB staff will provide technical assistance to applicants**

Policy Objectives (30%)

- Level and Depth of Housing Affordability
- Co-Benefits
- Access to Qualified Employment Areas
- Walkability
- Bike-ability
- Community Engagement
- Anti-Displacement Strategies

Feasibility & Readiness (15%)

- Capital Project & Program Readiness
- Leverage of Other Funds
- Implementation of Planning Efforts

Technical Assistance for Full Application

- Additional technical assistance for preparing the AHSC full application will be provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff after March 11 notification to applicants invited to submit full proposals.
- The California Air Resources Board staff will also provide technical assistance on the GHG Quantification Methodology portion of the application. If you have more questions about the GHG Quantification Methodology, please email ggrfprograms@arb.ca.gov

Concept Proposal

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Required Components

Project Overview	Thresholds	Project Readiness
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOD or ICP Project Type• Project Description• Map of Project Area• Eligibility for Set-Asides• Project Co-Benefits• Grant and/or loan• Applicant/s• Participating Entities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GHG Reduction Strategies (checklist)• Supports SCS Implementation• State Planning Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committed Funding• Funds Leveraged• Site Control• Environmental Clearances• Discretionary Land Use Approvals• Consistency with local public works (infrastructure only)• Project Schedule• Construction not started yet

How to Submit a Concept Proposal

Demonstration of FAAST System:

<https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov/Login.aspx>

Tips for using FFAST

- Sign up for and explore the FFAST tool before beginning work on your application
- Prepare answers in an unformatted text document for editing. Finally, cut and paste information into the online application
- Save your work often - The FFAST tool starts a 90-minute timer each time a user logs into their account. The timer resets to 90 minutes each time a user saves their work to the system
- Use only basic formatting
- Don't wait until 4:45 on February 19th to submit your application!

Concept Review Process

Timeline

✓	JANUARY 9, 2015	Release Draft Final Guidelines
✓	JANUARY 20, 2015	Final Guidelines to Council for Approval
✓	JANUARY 30, 2015	Concept and NOFA Requirements Released
✓	FEBRUARY 4-12, 2015	Concept Technical Assistance Workshops
	FEBRUARY 19, 2015	Concepts Due
	MARCH 11, 2015	Approved Concepts Invited for Full Application
	APRIL 15, 2015	Full Applications Due
	Late June 2015	Awards Recommended

Contact Information

Concept & Full Application Submittal

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GHG Quantification Methodology

(for full application only)

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Questions?